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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th and 47th meetings, on 13 May and 30 June 2014. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/68/SR.40 and 47).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/68/632);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/68/758);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/68/782/Add.11).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/68/L.49

4. At its 47th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" (A/C.5/68/L.49), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Israel.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/68/L.49 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of 12 months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 2162 (2014) of 25 June 2014, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 30 June 2015,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 67/271 of 28 June 2013,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and 66/264 of 21 June 2012, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 April 2014, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 35.6 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 85 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear

[1] A/68/632 and A/68/758.
[2] A/68/782/Add.11.

additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Stresses* that the exceptional arrangement set out in paragraph 14 below does not set a precedent for the budgetary process and that it shall not have a negative impact on mandate delivery;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289 and 66/264;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 532,091,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, inclusive of the amount of 493,570,300 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation, 31,937,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 6,583,300 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 246,785,150 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2014 for the maintenance of the Operation, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

15. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among

[3] A/68/632.

Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,448,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2014;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 31,937,500 dollars for the support account and the amount of 6,583,300 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014 and 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238;

17. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,615,200 dollars, for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, comprising the prorated share of 2,027,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 588,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 7,067,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2013, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2013, as set out in its resolution 67/238;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 7,067,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2013, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the increase of 832,400 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2013 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 7,067,600 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Operation under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".